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1. I AGREE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
MACHEL'S INITIATIVE BEFORE WE DECIDE HOW TO RESPOND TO HIS
REQUEST FOR INTERMEDIARY ASSISTANCE. THE FEBRUARY 15 AN
NOUNCEMENT OF AN INTERNAL AGREEMENT IN SALISBURY PROVIDES
US WITH A GOOD EXCUSE TO GO BACK TO MOZAMBICANS TO ENQUIRE
IF MACHEL IS STILL INTERESTED IN PURSUING HIS INITIATIVE
IN LIGHT THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT. IN COURSE OUR ENQUIRY, IT
SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT MACHEL INTENDS
SAY IN HIS COMMUNICATIONS AS WELL AS HIS POSSIBLE MOTIVES IN
SEEKING UK AND U.S. HELP.

2. IN MY JUDGMENT FERNANDO HONQANA WOULD HAVE BEEOOHE BEST
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PERSON WITH WHOM TO HAVE MADE THIS QUERY. UNFORTUNATELY
HONWANA IS SICK. IN HIS ABSENCE, AMBASSADOR LEWEN AND I
WILL SEEK TO SEE SERGIO VIEIRA, WHO RETURNED TODAY FROM
NEW YORK. I CALLED VIEIRA THIS NOON AND HE SAID HE WOULD
SEE LWEEN AND ME THIS EVENING OR TOMORROW MORNING. VIEIRA
WILL BE MEETING WITH MACHEL THIS AFTERNOON AND SHOULD BE
AU COURANT ON MACHEL'S THINKING.

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